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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR FCC TELEPHONE INFORMATION

1. THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING INCREASING TELEPHONE CHARGES BUT IS CONCERNED THAT DOING SO WILL NOT RESULT IN A CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN REVENUE AND MAY ALSO BE SOCIALLY REGRESSIVE. NORWAY ALREADY HAS THE HIGHEST TELEPHONE CHARGES IN EUROPE. THIS IS EXPLAINED BY THE LONG DISTANCES BETWEEN SOUTH AND NORTH NORWAY AND THE SPARSE SETTLEMENT OF LARGE AREAS OF THE NORTH WHICH MUST BE GIVEN SERVICE EQUAL TO THAT OF THE MORE DENSELY POPULATED SOUTH. HIGH TELEPHONE CHARGES HAVE ALREADY REDUCED TELEPHONE USAGE, AND IT IS FEARED THAT INCREASED CHARGES MAY DO SO STILL FURTHER.

2. FORMER FINANCE MINISTER RAGNAR CHRISTIANSEN, WHO IS NOW CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE IN PARLIAMENT, WOULD BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING ANY INFORMATION THE FCC MIGHT HAVE DEVELOPED ON THE RELATIONSHIP OF TELEPHONE CHARGES TO TELEPHONE USAGE AND REVENUE. IF SUCH INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE, DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE THE EMBASSY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF ITS AVAILABILITY AND TO POUCH IT RIGHT AWAY. ISSUE WILL BE DEBATED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE IN NOVEMBER.
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